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#### **Barricades**

Members of the 31st Civil Engineer Squadron Horizontal Shop replace cement over-run blocks March 9 on the base runway with orange frangible airfield barriers. These barries, which are more visible to vehicles, are designed to help prevent vehicles from unintentionally driving on the runway.

#### **Flybys**

#### Sports physicals

The 31st Medical Group is offering sports physicals during school registration March 25-26. After school registration, parents can bring their children to the clinic for their appointment. The physicals will be current for one year. To schedule an appointment, call 0434-30-5000.

#### Women's History Fair

The 2009 Women's History Fair is March 28 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Area 1 school multi-purpose room. The event includes free food provided by the Air Force Sergeants Association, a martial arts demonstration, art contest/scholarship presentation, trivia contest with prizes, a child play area and display booths.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Qiana Dixon at 632-5674 or Staff Sgt. Lisa Franklin at 632-5214.

#### **Base Wide Yard Sale**

The next Base Wide Yard Sale is April 18 from 8 a.m.

to noon at the Area 1 school multi-purpose room. Tables can be reserved at the Thrift Shop Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The Thrift Shop's new location is in Area 2, Building 224, across from the Fitness Center.

#### Girl Scout committee chair request

The Aviano Girl Scouts are currently recruiting for the position of overseas committee chair. For details, call Barbara Peterson, Referral Committee chairperson, at 0434-72-831 or e-mail barb@erikandbarb.com.

#### **AETC Special Duty submissions**

Air Force members who may have missed the Air Education and Training Command Special Duty Briefing Team's March 6 visit do not have to wait for the next visit to apply for an AETC special duty. For more information about recruiter opportunities and an application, visit www.rs.af. mil or call DSN 665-0584.

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## Commentary

## How about a little perspective?

"Each time an Airman re-en-

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By Tech. Sgt. Michael O'Connor 31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

How do you view the work you do in your office, back shop, medical facility, vehicle or aircraft? How does your career field contribute to the success of your unit, base, and the Air Force as a whole?

Since joining the Air Force in 1991, I've had 17 different direct supervisors, I've been permanently assigned to four overseas and four stateside bases, I've been on six temporary duties and three deployments to eight overseas countries, I've re-enlisted four times thus far and somewhere in the middle of all of this I took on marriage and started a family of my own. Sounds about par for the course for your average Airman in today's Air Force.

While I've made many choices throughout my life and these past 17-plus years in the Air Force, the one constant through it all are the mentors and leaders who have shared

their perspective with me as to whether what I thought or was doing was on track and up to par.

From my early years as an equipment management clerk when I redistributed hundreds of millions of dollars worth of assets to other bases, to my later years as a public affairs craftsman keeping the public informed and telling the Air Force story to a diverse audience in an infinite number

of ways through a variety of mediums, no matter what the task or situation at hand, I've been fortunate to have had the right mix of leadership and mentorship along the way, and when it wasn't directly available, I sought it out elsewhere.

Each senior leader I consulted shared their perspective with me. Through their personal experiences, education and training, each one enhanced my vision and understanding of how I fit into the bigger Air Force picture.

My grandfather, a former Airman, taught me as a child, the value of a dollar and earning my keep. My step-father, a former Marine, taught me as a teenager, the importance of always going above and beyond what is asked. Kevin Rooney, a former Airman and supply supervisor, taught me as an airman first class that every Airman is important and can directly impact the mission. Lee Hansen, a former Airman and supply NCO-in-charge of a section I worked in, taught me as a senior airman the importance of using my chain of command and keeping them informed. There have also been several senior NCOs along the way who helped fill in the gray areas and made for great sounding boards. And last, but most certainly not least, is Lt. Col. John Dorrian, a very wise PA officer who as a major, taught me as a newly cross-trained staff sergeant into the PA career field, the importance of conducting successful

public affairs operations.

I've learned through the years that we can't put a price on what we do in support of our nation and other nations around the world.

From a PA perspective, I've also learned that we cannot put a price on the memories we provide to our Airmen who are at the forefront of combating terrorism around the world. Having served three years in Air Force Recruiting Service, I look at what we do in PA in the context of the well-known recruiting phrase, "Perpetuate! Perpetuate! Perpetuate!"

I believe a part of what we do in PA is to perpetuate the trust and support we in the military need in order for us to be successful. I also believe what we do in PA is to perpetuate the feeling of pride, satisfaction and esprit de corps in our fellow Airmen. We do this so they will communicate their experiences in a positive manner to their family and friends back home so that others may decide to follow in their footsteps in maintaining our all volunteer

force. We also do what we do to maintain the readiness of the world's most. powerful air and space force by perpetuating to our fellow Airmen timely information that is accurate, brief and concise, and in ensuring that the morale of the Airmen stays high.

When Airmen look back at their careers, be it after one enlistment or for a 20or 30-year career, some of

their fondest memories are the stories, photos and videos which they were featured in. Not just because the Airman got his or her 15 minutes of fame, but because the PA products we produced captured a moment in time that the Airman can reflect on for the rest of his or her life.

Each time an Airman re-enlists and shares their knowledge, experience and leadership with others, it feels like payment in full for what we do in PA.

When we in PA talk about winning the hearts and minds of the people, I don't think of it in terms of civilians only, it's about our Airmen as well. It's about building and maintaining Airman morale and readiness. What we do as journalists, photographers, videographers and bandsmen has a direct impact on morale which in-turn has a direct correlation with readiness. In an ever-shrinking military, maintaining an Airman's morale has never been more important as we continue to engage in the Global War on Terror.

I encourage all Airmen to look within, to reach out for that which they do not know, and to reflect on their career in the Air Force and make a point to share their knowledge, experience and leadership with their fellow Airmen, families and friends.

Now, how's that for a little perspective? So what's yours?

#### **Airman and Family Readiness** 0434-30-5407, DSN 632- 5407| Flightline, Bldg. 1431

Basic Financial Planning & Investing

March 30, 2-4 p.m.

This money management class includes goal setting, financial planning, credit reports, and debt management. Individuals leave the class with important tools processary to become financially. important tools necessary to become financially

Back to the Future:
Reconnecting After A Deployment
April 2 noon to 1 p.m.
Focusing on issues: He/She is not the same person anymore, I like it better when he/she was deployed, what is wrong with him/her?

Air Force Assistance Fund Drive
March 9-April 20
Please donate to the Air Force Official Charity: Air
Force Aid Society, Airmen helping airmen. If you are interested in donating please contact your unit representative. Smooth Move

March 27, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
April 3, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Provides a consolidated 2 hour briefing of relocation services brought to you by Wing agencies such as AMC, TMO household goods, finance, housing, legal, etc. and equips you with all the information you will need for a Smooth Move PCS from Aviano, Italy.

Pre-Deployment Readiness Briefing
March 25, 1-2:30 p.m.
April 1, 1-2:30 p.m.
This class is required for all those going TDY or deploying for more than 30 days and will fulfill your pre-deployment checklist requirements.

Pre-Separation Briefing
March 31, 1-3 p.m.
This class fulfills the mandatory requirement for all personnel retiring/separating from the military.
This class should be completed 90 days before separation/retirement.

## Alpine Golf Course

## 0434-30-7386, DSN 632-7386 | Flightline, Bldg. 1391

FREE

Ladies' Afternoon Clinic March 26, 2-3 p.m.

Ladies' Morning Clinic April 16, 10-11 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon Lessons April 25, 1-2 p.m.

Advance sign-ups are not necessary for FREE classes

Nike Demo Day April 25 Call the pro shop for details on demo start time.

Family Golf Sundays Every week at 2 p.m. discounted rates for green fees and rental fees are offered. This part of the

golf week is reserved for families and pace of play will be relaxed for the program participants. Tee time reservations for the upcoming weekend may be made starting at 7 a.m. the Wednesday prior.

Be sure to drop by and renew your annual green fees after April 1



March Madness Golf Tournament

March 21, 8:30 a.m. Shotgun Each player will receive a hot meal at conclusion of 18-hole tournament. Door prizes, closest-to-pin, long drive contest; open to the first 64 golfers to pay \$25 entry fee. At the end of the event, players names will be randomly paired up with a team in the NCAA Basketball "March Madness" Tournament for a chance to win great prizes.

#### HRO

0434-30-5747, DSN 632-5747 | Area 2, Bldg. 256

**Alpine Golf Course** Cook, Recreation Aid

www.usafejobs.com

**Arts & Crafts Center** Sales Clerk

**Auto Skills Center** Automotive Worker, Sales Clerk

**Aviano Youth Program** Cook, Child and Youth Program Assistant, Operations Clerk

**Bowling Center** Cook, Cashier Checker, Bowling Center Operations Manager

**Child Development Center** Child and Youth Development **Program Assistant** 

**La Bella Vista Club** Bartender, Club Operations Assistant, Materials Handler, Waiter, Cook, Cashier

Mountain View Lodging Custodial Worker

Outdoor Recreation Center Pool Program Manager (Temp)

**School Age Program**Child and Youth Program Assistant

**Wood Skills Center** Recreation Assistant

#### **COMMANDER**

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> **Publicist** Racheal Calhoun





Zagreb: Capital of Croatia

\$64.00

21 March

Venice & Gondola Ride

\$64.00

21 March

**Castles of Bavaria** 

\$95.00

28 March

Pisa & Bologna

\$79.00

28 March

Guided Asolo & Bassano Del Grappa

\$59.00

28-29 March

**Cinque Terre** 

\$324.00

4 April

**Guided Trieste & Mirimare & Duino Castles** 

\$64.00

4 April

**Guided Salzburg & Salt Mines** 

\$79.00

4 April

**Legoland Express** 

\$119.00

6 April

Parco Zoo Natura Viva

\$69.00

9 April

Mirabilandia Amusement Park

\$69.00

10 April

**Butterfly House & Minimudis** 

"Miniature World" Theme Park

\$69.00



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## TRAVELING ABROAD:

## Security precautions prove critical to pre-travel planning

#### By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice 31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Being stationed in Europe, surrounded by so many countries rich in culture and history, one can't help but want to explore abroad.

But with these explorations can come great risk, if American military members and civilians don't take the proper precautions.

"The potential for Team Aviano members to become victims overseas, both intentionally and collaterally (in the wrong place at the wrong time) is ever present," said Bill Trevino, 31st Fighter Wing antiterrorism officer. "Pretravel planning for security is absolutely necessary when traveling overseas."

Mr. Trevino noted that often times people don't realize the potential risks that are involved with traveling into countries where domestic dangers are prevalent.

Major incidents such as the attacks in Mumbai, India, in November; the unrest in Greece over police killing a Greek teenager in December and the protests in several European countries at Israeli Embassies over the Gaza Strip conflict are prime examples of domestic dangers U.S. travelers should be knowledgeable on.

Surrounding the Greek riots, the U.S. Embassy in Athens, Greece, gave sound advice that correlates to all U.S. overseas travel, said Mr. Trevino.

"American citizens are urged to avoid areas of demonstrations and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstration," said U.S. Embassy officials. "American citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

Mr. Trevino said the most critical step in making travel arrangements is to conduct research on the area you are planning to visit and register with the U.S. Department of State Travel Web site.

"Whenever travel to other overseas countries is involved we strongly recommend Team Aviano use the U.S. Department of State Travel Web site to determine if any travel or security warnings (sometimes referred to as 'warden messages') are in effect, to get emergency contact information for the U.S. Embassy or Consulate and to get information on areas where crime rates or other personal security risks may be identified," he said.

The U.S. Department of StateTravel Web site is located at www.travel.state.gov, with country specific warnings located at http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\_pa\_tw/cis/cis\_1765.html.

Mr. Trevino recalled one colleague who recently

#### **Travel Precautions 101**

- Be aware of your surroundings and cautious of your conversation while utilizing public transportation and facilities.
- Avoid planned gatherings or demonstrations and maintain awareness of your surroundings.
- If you come upon a demonstration, remain calm and leave the area.
- Be inconspicuous. Do not draw attention to yourself.
- Travel in small groups and vary your movements.
- Notify your chain of command of travel plans and ensure they have an accurate means of contacting you.
  - Stay away from high risk areas.
- Know emergency numbers and potential safe areas.
  - Carry a cell phone if possible.
- Always afeguard your passport and ID card.
- If in a travel status and an incident occurs at your destination or any location on your itinerary, inform your unit of your status as soon as possible.

Courtesy of the Aviano Antiterrorism Office

registered on the Web site before traveling to Israel and received a travel warning about recent events in regard to the Gaza Strip and what precautions she should take.

"This is just a small example of the benefits of the State Department's site," said Mr. Trevino. "Registering under the site and conducting pre-travel security arrangements can only benefit the traveler and his or her family.

So before you pack up your family and head across the border to your next European destination, be sure to take precaution and register with the U.S. Department of Safety Web site.



Check for travel advisory messages from the U.S. Department of State Embassy or Consulate for the country in question at one of the following links:

State Department: http://www.state.gov/ Embassy: http://usembassy.state.gov/

Current Travel Warnings: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\_pa\_tw/tw/tw\_1764.html Country Specific Warnings: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\_pa\_tw/cis/cis\_1765.html

## Italy fun facts

- 🦠 Italy is slightly larger than Arizona.
- Nation 15 Almost 20 percent of Italy's population is over 65 years old.
- Name 
  The average Italian consumes 25 kilograms of pasta a year.
- % The thermometer is an Italian invention.
- Name The average Italian family has 1.27 children.
- The ice cream cone and eyeglasses are Italian inventions.
- 🦠 The average Italian consumes half a pound of bread a day.
- The average Italian makes \$26,700 a year; however those in the more prosperous north make almost \$40,000.
- 15 Italy's unemployment rate is around 8.6 percent, but it is as high as 20 percent in the more impoverished south.
- 🖔 The famous children's story, Pinocchio, was written by an Italian.

Courtesy of www.lifeinitaly.com



briefs

boxer shorts

shorts

socks

### **Arts & Crafts** 0434-30-2989, DSN 632-2989 | Flightline, Bldg. 1464

Scrapbook Day March 28, 11 a.m.

Jewelry Making Class Every Tuesday and Thursday 10-11:30 a.m.

Come create a necklace, earrings and bracelet. Cost is \$40 per each 1 1/2 hour class

Paper Cutting Class Every Thursday 4 p.m.



Framing Class March 21, 11:30 a.m. March 25, 3:30 p.m.

Wood Block Printing

First three Wednesdays of the month 5:30-7:30 p.m. Learn the exciting and ancient art of wood block printing. Class is three sessions. Cost: \$60 plus supplies

Auto Hobby Shop 0434-30-2277, DŠN 632-CARS (2277) | Flight Line, Bldg. 1464

Air Conditioning System Servicing and Check

The hot weather season is fast approaching and it's time to have your air conditioning serviced "R134a" type systems only. Call 632- CARS (2277) for inquiries or make an appointment.



Car Care/Sister **Service Oil Change** For one free oil change not to exceed \$50. Members deployed

Vouchers ávailable at Airman & Family Readiness.

**Vehicle Safety Training** 

April 11, 25, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn how to "KEEP" your vehicle in tip-top from Aviano for 30 consecutive days or more.

Vouchers available at Vouchers available a Subjects: checking fluid levels, belts, tires for proper tread wear, inflation, wiper blades, lights, safety equipment and more.

**Bowling Center** 

0434-30-7487, DSN 632-7487 | Area 1, Bldg. 179 Quarter-Mania Tuesday!

5-9 p.m. \$5 cover per person, bowling \$.25, shoe rental \$.25 and selected food items.

Wingman Wednesday All day Wednesday, roll some games with your wingman. Bring in your wingman and card to bowl for \$1 a game and a \$1 for shoe rental

Karaoke

March 28, 8:30 p.m.

**Five Buck Thursday** 

All day Thursday bowl for three hours, shoe rental included

Cosmic Bowling

Every Friday and Śaturday 9 p.m. to midnight Reservations are accepted at Noon the day of Cosmic Bowling

**Civilian Personnel Office** 

0434-30-7307, DSN 632-7307l Flightline, Bldg. 600

There are exciting jobs with a great future awaiting you. Check out the job opportunities at <a href="https://www.usajobs.gov">www.usajobs.gov</a>. Great benefits: Job security, a great retirement plan, sick leave, annual leave and 10 Federal holidays. To better understand working for the federal government go to: http://opm.gov/video\_library/Recruitment/index.asp Any questions, feel free to call Ms. Edwards at 632-4058.



31 FW Summer Employment Program

The Summer Hire Employment Program is opened to unmarried students, 14-22 years old (high school and college), who are family members of active duty military or self sponsored civilians employed by a government agency. Applicants must be U. S. citizens. Electronic application packages are available at the Civilian Personnel Element's Summer Hire 2009 link for Part-time and Full-time employment. The Summer Employment Program will run from 22 Jun-14 Aug. The application package consists of a number of documents that must be completed electronically, printed out, signed, and submitted to 31 FSS/FMCS, Area E, Bldg 600, NLT close of business on 15 May. More for information contact Nicole Boffman at 632-7307

## Tuscany's tantalizing Spring

Spring has arrived in Tuscany and that means it's time to enjoy the clean, crisp air and colors bursting against the crystal blue skies.

Spring break is right around the corner and it's the perfect time to let Camp Darby be your springboard to all the treasures of Tuscany. It doesn't matter if you want to see art or visit museums, shop at antique markets, wander about medieval cities, try to push over the Leaning Tower of Pisa, or take the kids to Vinci and the Collodi Amusement park; there is something for everyone in Tuscany.

#### Hike Cinque Terre

Cinque Terre, or the five lands by the sea, are quaint seaside villages built on steep cliffs that have been connected by natural hiking trails, a special train and ferries. It is the ideal place to visit to enjoy the fresh sea air and cool Mediterranean breezes; and since peak season doesn't start until April, the trails and towns aren't over crowded.

ITR Trip April 8

#### **Eternal Rome**

Who can resist the eternal city of Rome? Visit the Vatican and the Sistine Chapel then stroll over to the Colosseum and Pantheon. Enjoy lunch by Trevi Fountain and don't forget to make a quick visit to the Spanish Steps. The Roma Opera Virtuoso will perform Mozart's last Requiem Mass April 9 at the Teatro Argentian or catch the Rome vs. Bologna Soccer match live on April 5 at Stadio Olimpico.

ITR Trip April 9

#### Forever Florence

Whether you are looking to see great masterpieces of art and sculpture or you want to take advantage of the end of season sales in the open air leather market, Florence is always bustling with events and energy. For something different, check out the World Sacred Music Week April 3-10 at St. Stefani a Ponte Church or the Sagra of the sweet, fried rice fitters, April 5 at Montagnana, Florence.

#### Wine tasting at medieval San Gimignano

Tuscany boasts the most famous wines in Italy -- like the full bodied Brunello di Montalcino and Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, aromatic Chianti and crisp Vernaccia di San Gimignano. Other events in San Gimignano include the Easter Market in the area by the Piazza Matteotti and Piazza Gramsci and the Procession of the Cross at 7 p.m. April 10. This ancient procession has been celebrated in San Gimignano since 600 A.D.

ITR Trip April 11

#### How to book a trip

Contact Camp Darby ITR at DSN 633-7589/Comm: 050-54-7589

Where to Stay Sea Pines Lodge has hotel rooms, log cabins and campgrounds. Reserve a room by calling DSN 633-7225/Comm: 050-54-7225 or *e-mail lodging@eur.armv.mil*.







Photos by Joyce Costello



For more great spring break ideas, visit www.usag.livorno.army.mil

**Belly Dance** Wednesday 6:30-8 p.m.

Adult Ballet Tuesday and Thursday 5:30-7 p.m.

Adult Tap Tuesday 7-8 p.m.

Celtic Dance Thursday 7-8 p.m.

**Tiny Tap** - Ages 4-7 Tuesday 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Community Center 0434-30-5479, DSN 632-5479 | Area 1, Bldg. 106

Spring Bazaar
April 3, 3-7 p.m.
April 4, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
April 5, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at La Bella Vista Club Come out shop for leather goods, wines, art, Italian furniture, jewelry, antiques, etc.

Italian Cooking Classes Wednesday and/or Saturday Call Community Center for more details.

**Ultimate Frisbee** Every Wednesday, 5 p.m. Fitness Center outside track.



## **Education Center**

0434-30-5330, DSN 632-5330IArea 1, Bldg. 147

Consolidated Graduation May 28 at Mass Briefing Facility All graduating members will be receiving invitations and more details in late April. Any members, who have PCSed to Aviano but have graduated at another base, are more than welcome to attend. Please give us a call to put your name on the list. Caps and gowns required firm coronary recognition ceremony.

**Central Texas College** 632-5143 University of Oklahoma 632-5977

Study Skills Workshop March 26, 9 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 147. Anyone who wants to learn study skills, test taking techniques, note taking and reading comprehension strategies is invited to attend.



Commissioning Briefings are held every third Thursday of the month at the Education Center starting at 10 a.m. If interested in applying for the AF Academy, LEAD, SOAR, ROTC, AECP or OTS, this is the briefing to learn more about eligibility criteria and application procedures. Medical commissioning program information also presented. No appointment necessary to attend appointment necessary to attend.

University of Phoenix 632-5139

**Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University** 632-5140

**University of Maryland University College** 632-5365

Fitness & Sports Center 0434-30-7459, DSN 632-7459 | Flightline, Bldg. 1405 0434-30-7574, DSN 632-7574 | Area 2, Bldg. 240

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

March 21, 5 p.m. Get your team together and sign up.

Family Fitness Time
Area 2 Fitness Center every Tuesday & Thursday 8:30-10:30 a.m.

**2009 Softball Varsity Coaches**The Aviano Men and Women Softball teams are in need of coaches. Please submit your AF Form 303 available on the www.31FSS.Com home page/ fitness center. Please deliver to the Dragon Fitness to Neville Besignach. The deadline for accepting AF Form 303 is March 24.

Duathlon March 28, 9 a.m.
Bike 2 Laps around base perimeter & Run 5K \$15 registration fee secures you a t-shirt \$7 registration for children 12 & up. Medals awarded for the top 3 finishers from each division.

US Forces in Europe Mountain Bike and Road Cycling Championship at Aviano on April 18-19. For more info contact Neville.besignach@ aviano.af.mil or call 632-7459.

**Biggest Winner Event** 

(Weight Loss Competition) Ongoing to April 16 The 31st Force Support Squadron is teaming with the HAWC (Health & Wellness Center) to provide the best service to the participants. The more classes, competitions, fun runs, weigh ins, or special events that you participate in the more pounds you get to subtract off of your final weight. Nothing is mandatory, we want you to have fun, get healthy and fit at the same time.



## La Bella Vista Club

0434-30-4303, DSN 632-4303| Flightline, Bldg. 1404

**Easter Brunch** 

April 12, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Regular: \$19.95 Members First: \$14.95 Children 6-12: \$9.95 Under 4-5: \$3.95 / Under 3: Free Member's Children Under 6: Free (Treats for all the Children)

Sunday

Brunch Buffet 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 pm.

Family Membership Niaht

April 16, 5-7 p.m. Club Members \$5 Non Members \$10 LBV celebrates the Month of Military Child all children under 10 are Free.

**Tuesday** Bingo – Doors open 5:30 p.m. Games begin 6:30 p.m. (Bar Menu - 5:30-9 p.m.)

Wednesday
Mongolian BBQ 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday & Friday A la Carte Family Menu, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Friday

Karaoke Night 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Library 0434-30-5382, DSN 632-5382 | Area 1, Bldg. 145



**Teen Poetry Contest** April is National Poetry Month! Do you like to write poetry? Turn in your best poetry for a chance to win a \$50 gift card and your poem published on the library website. Open to all teens 13-18. Contest runs April 1-30. Pick up your contest

entry at the library.

Did you know the library has all this to offer & much more?

- Over 24,000 booksCDs, DVDs, Videos
  - · Books on CD
  - · Interlibrary loan
- Internet Access/computer lab
- WiFi Laptop Internet access
  - · Weekly story hour
  - Book Club materials
    - Testing materialsCLEP, SAT
- English as a second language
- Language, art, history & travel

**Outdoor Recreation** 

0434-30-8623, DSN 632-8623 | Flightline, Bldg. 1479
Slovenia Mountain Bike Trip

**Dolomiti Superski Ski Trip** March 21 or 22

Cost \$68 per person. Includes transportation & lift ticket.

Map & Compass Skills Class April 4

Age: +12 Years Old Cost \$10 per person. Deadline to sign up is 1 April



April 10-12 Age +14 Years Old Cost: \$165 per person Deadline to sign up: April 1

Slovenia X-Point White Water Rafting Trip

April 25 Ages: +14 Cost: \$65 per person Deadline to sign up: 24 April

**Youth Programs** 

0434-30-7575, DSN 632-7575| Area 1, Bldg. 116

Jr. Rock Band Jam

March 27, 7-11 p.m.

Ages: 9+

\$10 YP mbrs/ \$15 Non-mbrs

Join your friends for a Rock Band Jam
session. There will be prizes for top
scores. Deadline to register: March 26

Kids Night Out

April 3, 6:30-10 p.m. Ages: 1st-6th grade \$8 YP Members/\$10 non YP Members Deadline to register: April 2

Spring Fest Egg Hunt

April 4, 10-11:30 a.m. Rain Date: April 11, 10-11:30 a.m. Ages: Walkers to 11 Years Old Freedom Park Ballfields Special visit from the Easter Bunny!



#### Child Development Center

**Parents Night Out** 

April 3 CDC Flightline 632-5199; Cost \$12 per child. Deadline to register: April 1

Give Parents A Break

April 17

CDC Area 1 632-8246; By referral or \$3 an hour. Deadline to register: April 15

